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In 1971, the History, Government, and Geography Service of the Division of Secondary Education, Virginia State Department of Education, conducted a survey of social studies programs, kindergarten through grade twelve, in the fifty states. The responses from forty-one of the fifty states are presented in alphabetical order. For each grade level in each state social studies program, a title or description of course offering, the number of semesters, and requiring agency are listed. A general comment on each state program is accompanied by a note on course requirements in state history. (Author/KSM)

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INTRODUCTION

In 1971, the History, Government, and Geography Service of the Division of Secondary Education, Virginia State Department of Education conducted a survey of social studies programs, kindergarten through grade twelve, in the fifty states. Forty-one of the fifty states receiving the survey responded. Curriculum materials were obtained from each of the states completing the survey. These materials are housed in the History and Social Science Resource Center of the History, Government, and Geography Service.

The data collected in this survey was compiled and has been organized for this publication. For additional information concerning the survey and the responses from each state, please contact the History, Government, and Geography Service.

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ALABAMA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4	Alabama History	2	State Board of Education
Grade 5	American History	2	State Board of Education
Grade 6	American History - Latin American History	2	State Board of Education
Grade 7	Old World History and Old World Geography	2	State Board of Education
Grade 8	New World History and New World Geography	2	State Board of Education
Grade 9	Alabama History and Civics	1 semester each	State Board of Education
Grade 10			
Grade 11	American History	2	State Board of Education
Grade 12	American Government and Economics	1 semester each	State Board of Education

Comments

There is also a mandated unit about communism which is required at the 9th and 12th grade levels. This unit is approximately six weeks in duration.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Alabama History is required in the 4th grade for two semesters and in the 9th grade for one semester.

ALASKA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Home, School and Community		
Grade 1	Home, School and Community		
Grade 2	Home, School and Community		
Grade 3	Home, School and Community		
Grade 4	Alaska and the World Around Us		
Grade 5	Anglo-American History		
Grade 6	Latin American History		
Grade 7	The Eastern Hemisphere		
Grade 8	Growth of the United States		
Grade 9	Citizenship		
Grade 10	World History		
Grade 11	United States History		
Grade 12	United States Government		

Comments

These courses are not required but are suggested by the State Board of Education.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Alaska does not require that a course in state history be taught.

ARIZONA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Four semesters of social science are a basic requirement for high school graduation. The State Board of Education requires a total of two years of social studies. One year of American History and one semester of Arizona History must be taught.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Arizona History is required of all students. It is usually taught in grades 4 and 8.

ARKANSAS

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Home and Family		
Grade 2	Community Living		
Grade 3	Town and Country	2	
Grade 4	Our World	2	
Grade 5	American History	2	
Grade 6	Old World	2	
Grade 7	World Geography		
Grade 8	American History	2	
Grade 9	Civics (usually an elective)	1 or 2 semesters	
Grade 10	World History (often an elective)	2	
Grade 11	American History	2	State Legislature
Grade 12	Problems Economics (usually an elective)		

Comments

Arkansas does not have a state requiring agency as such, but the state free textbook program usually is the determining factor for grades 1 - 8 because the textbook program covers those grades. The state committee selects a multiple list of six textbooks and the local school may select from the list for a period of six years. Local schools select textbooks and course offerings for grades 9 - 12. The State Board of Education requires that three units of social studies be offered in order to be accredited.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Arkansas requires that a course in Arkansas History be offered in secondary schools, grades 7 - 12, but students are not required to take the course.

CALIFORNIA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Mankind: Man's Distinctive Characteristics	2	State Legislature
Grade 1	Mankind: Man's Distinctive Characteristics	2	State Legislature
Grade 2	Mankind: Man's Distinctive Characteristics	2	State Legislature
Grade 3	Man and Land: Cultural and Geographic Relationships	2	State Legislature
Grade 4	Man and Land: Cultural and Geographic Relationships	2	State Legislature
Grade 5	Mankind and Men: Interaction, Diversity, Individuality	2	State Legislature
Grade 6	Mankind and Men: Interaction, Diversity, Individuality	2	State Legislature
Grade 7	Systems: Political and Economic; Urban Environment	2	State Legislature
Grade 8	Systems: Political and Economic; Urban Environment	2	State Legislature
Grade 9	Systems: Political and Economic; Urban Environment	2	State Legislature
Grade 10	Historical Integration: Relation of Past and Present (elective)		
Grade 11	Historical Integration: Relation of Past and Present (elective)		
Grade 12	Decision Making: Deciding Social Policy in the United States (elective)		

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

California does not require that a course in state history be taught.

CONNECTICUT

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade 5			
Grade 6			
Grade 7	The Geography of Major Areas of the Earth		
Grade 8	History of the Americas		
Grade 9	European, Asian and African Civilizations		
Grade 10	European, Asian and African Civilizations		
Grade 11	United States History		
Grade 12	Contemporary Issues		

Comments

The courses listed above are not required but this sequence is commonly followed. There is no set pattern for the state as a whole. Local school systems decide their own curriculum.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

State law states that, "In said schools shall be taught . . . United States, state and local history. . ." The law does not indicate at what grade level Connecticut History should be taught.

DELAWARE

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4	Delaware History		State Board of Education
Grade 5			
Grade 6			
Grade 7			
Grade 8			
Grade 9			
Grade 10			
Grade 11	United States History or related areas such as American Studies	2	State Board of Education
Grade 12	Problems of Democracy (broad view approach)	2	State Board of Education

Comments

There is no prescribed K - 12 scope and sequence excepting United States History (grade 11) and Problems of Democracy (grade 12). There are, however, suggested scope and sequence charts in the state guide. Plenty of latitude is given to districts in regard to the teaching of United States History and Problems of Democracy.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

A course in Delaware History is required. It is recommended that this course be taught in the elementary school and is usually taught in the 4th grade.

HAWAII

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Social Relations in the Child's World		State
Grade 1	Families Around the World		State
Grade 2	Communities Around the World - The Local Community		State
Grade 3	Communities Around the World - Comparative Communities		State
Grade 4	Comparative Regional Studies: Hawaii, Polynesia, and Other Selected Regions		State
Grade 5	Continental United States and Canada		State
Grade 6	Asia, Australia and Melanesia (selected islands) and Latin America		State
Grade 7	Our Cultural Heritage (Hawaii)		State
Grade 8	Basic Issues and Problems in the United States		State
Grade 9	World Cultures		State
Grade 10	American Studies		State
Grade 11			
Grade 12			

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

The state of Hawaii requires that state history be taught in the 4th grade (Comparative Regional Studies) and in the 7th grade (Our Cultural Heritage).

ILLINOIS

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Home and School		
Grade 2	Community Workers		
Grade 3	Contrasting Environment		
Grade 4	Understanding Illinois		
Grade 5	The United States		
Grade 6	Areas of the World		
Grade 7	Areas of the World		
Grade 8	United States History		
Grade 9	Geography Civics (electives)	1 or 2 semesters	
Grade 10	World History Consumer Education (electives)		
Grade 11	United States History Government		Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 12	Government Consumer Education Economics World Problems (electives)		

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Illinois History is suggested for the 4th grade, but required in either grades 7 or 8.

INDIANA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Living and Working with Other Children	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 1	Living and Working In Our School	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 2	Living In Our Neighborhood	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 3	Our Community: Past and Present	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 4	Indiana In A Regional and World Setting	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 5	United States and Canada	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 6	Western Europe and Latin America	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 7	Area Studies of the Non-West	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 8	United States History	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 9	Citizenship Social Science (electives)	2	
Grade 10	World History (elective)	2	

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Grade 11	United States History	2	Superintendent of Public Instruction
Grade 12	Economics Sociology Psychology Values and Issues (electives	1	Superintendent of Public Instruction

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Indiana requires that a course entitled Indiana Studies be taught in the 4th grade. This course includes units in the following areas: map and globe skills, Indiana History, Indiana Today, Indiana in a world and regional setting, and conservation.

KENTUCKY

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Unified Social Studies *		
	Related Social Studies **		
Grade 2	Unified Social Studies *		
	Related Social Studies **		
Grade 3	Unified Social Studies *		
	Related Social Studies **		
	Geography		
Grade 4	Unified Social Studies *		
	Related Social Studies **		
	Geography		
	History		
Grade 5	Unified Social Studies *		
	Related Social Studies **		
	Geography		
	History		
Grade 6	Unified Social Studies *		
	Related Social Studies **		
	Geography		
	History		
Grade 7	Unified Social Studies *		
	Geography		
	Kentucky Geography		
	Kentucky History		
	Guidance		
Grade 8	Unified Social Studies *		
	Guidance		
	Government		
	United States History		
Grade 9	Introduction to Social Studies		
	Basic Government		
	World Geography		

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Grade 10	World Geography Economic Geography World History		
Grade 11	United States History		State Board of Education
	Social Psychology (elective) Economics (elective) Humanities (elective)		
Grade 12	Social Psychology Economics Advanced Government International Relations Sociology Problems of American Life Humanities		

* Unified Social Studies is a composite program which blends history and geography. In grades 4 - 6, unified social studies may substitute for history and geography; in grade 7, for geography; and in grade 8, for United States History.

** The Related Social Studies program, grades 1 - 6, is primarily enrichment provided through social studies readers which deal with historical events, geographic influences, and other social and economic understandings and principles.

Comments

Two units of high school credit in the above studies are required for graduation. One of these credits must be earned in United States History in the 11th grade and required by the State Board of Education. The other unit may be selected from any of the course offerings. While not a state requirement, a course in Advanced Government should be available for all students in the 12th grade.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Kentucky History and Geography are companion courses in the 7th grade. In most Kentucky schools, these two courses constitute the entire 7th grade social studies curriculum. In addition, the state television network has a semester course which supplements and enriches the classroom activities. The program is in color and takes students across the state for exploration of a variety of topics.

LOUISIANA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Home, Family, School	2	State Board of Education
Grade 2	Immediate Community	2	State Board of Education
Grade 3	Expanded and Comparative Communities	2	State Board of Education
Grade 4	World History and Geography (emphasis on geography)	2	State Board of Education
Grade 5	United States History and Geography, Canada (emphasis on cultural aspects)	2	State Board of Education
Grade 6	World History and Geography (emphasis on culture)	2	State Board of Education
Grade 7	United States History and Geography (emphasis on economics)	2	State Board of Education
Grade 8	Louisiana Studies (history, geography, economics, conservation and government)	2	State Board of Education
Grade 9			
Grade 10	Civics	2	State Board of Education
Grade 11	American History (6 weeks devoted to communism)	2	State Board of Education
Grade 12			

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Louisiana requires that a course entitled Louisiana Studies be taught in the 8th grade. This comprehensive course includes history, geography, government, economics, and conservation with more emphasis on the cultural aspects of Louisiana.

MAINE

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade 5			
Grade 6			
Grade 7			
Grade 8	Maine History (9 week course)		State Legislature
Grade 9			
Grade 10			
Grade 11	United States History, Constitution of the United States, Foundations of American Freedom		State Legislature
Grade 12			

Comments

Courses other than the two required by the State Legislature are left up to the local school division.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

A course in Maine History is required for 9 weeks in the 8th grade.

MARYLAND

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Maryland does not have a state social studies curriculum.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Maryland does not require a course in state history.

MASSACHUSETTS

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Massachusetts state law states: "In all public elementary and high schools American history and civics, including the constitution of the United States, the declaration of independence and the bill of rights, and in all public high schools the constitution of the commonwealth and local history and government, shall be taught as required subjects for the purpose of promoting civic service and a greater knowledge thereof, and of fitting the pupils, morally and intellectually, for the duties of citizenship." *

* The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education, General Laws Relating to Education, 1966, Chapter 71, Section 2, p. 104.

MICHIGAN

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

The state of Michigan has only one course requirement and that is a one-semester course in civics. Districts are required to offer this course at the secondary school level. Other than this one course requirement, local districts are free to identify their own curriculum needs and to prepare their program in accordance with these needs.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Michigan does not require that a course in state history be taught.

MINNESOTA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Minnesota requires that social studies be taught at all grade levels with the exception of the 11th grade. Content is selected and written by local districts.

MISSISSIPPI

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	The Home and Immediate Environment (physical surroundings)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 2	The Expanded Community (expanded concepts of the community in which he lives through social experiences)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 3	How We Live (interests broadens from home, school and immediate neighborhood to the whole community)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 4	Today's World (introduction to geographical regions and relationship of physical environment to way of living)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 5	The United States (emphasis on early period of American history)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 6	Mississippi History (introduction to geographical, social, political and cultural development of Mississippi)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 7	The Eastern Hemisphere (geography of Eastern Hemisphere and history of its peoples and cultures)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 8	United States History (emphasis on outstanding events and great movements which led to building of the United States)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 9	Mississippi History	2	State Legislature
	Civics (state and local government)	2	
Grade 10	World History	2	Accrediting Commission

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Grade 11	American History (emphasis on United States History since 1865)	2	Accrediting Commission
Grade 12	American Government (emphasis on Federal, State, and local government and the nature and threat of communism)	2	State Legislature

Comments

These are the prescribed courses as set up by the State Department of Education, Accrediting Commission or the State Legislature. Several electives are offered in high school such as Economics, Sociology, Geography, and Problems of American Democracy.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Mississippi History is required at the 9th grade level.

MONTANA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Montana School Law requires that courses in conservation education, geography, government (civics), American History, and Montana History be taught. The current Standards for Accreditation of Montana Elementary Schools does not specify course titles for social studies. The current Standards for Accreditation of Montana High Schools requires that courses in American History (1 unit) and American Government (1/2 unit) be taught. Also, the Standards for Accreditation of Montana High Schools indicate that ". . . a two unit course in American History and American Democracy which includes a study of government may be used to meet the American History and Government requirements."

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

A course in Montana History is required but not at any specific grade level; however, the course is usually taught in the 7th or 8th grade. In some Montana high schools a course in Montana History is offered as an elective.

NEBRASKA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

NEBRASKA SCHOOL LAWS, 1969 - 1970

79-213. An informed, loyal, and patriotic citizenry is necessary to a strong, stable, and prosperous America. Such a citizenry necessitates that every member thereof be fully acquainted with the nation's history, that he be in full accord with our form of government, and fully aware of the liberties, opportunities, and advantages of which we are possessed and the sacrifices and struggles of those through whose efforts these benefits were gained. Since youth is the time most susceptible to the acceptance of principles and doctrines that will influence men throughout their lives, it is one of the first duties of our educational system to so conduct its activities, choose its textbooks, and arrange its curriculum in such a way that the love of liberty, democracy, and America will be instilled in the heart and mind of the youth of the state.

(1) Every school board shall at the beginning of each school year, appoint from its members a committee of three, to be known as the committee on Americanism, whose duties shall be: (a) To carefully examine, inspect, and approve all textbooks used in the teaching of American history and civil government in the school. Such textbooks shall adequately stress the services of the men who achieved our national independence, establish our constitutional government, and preserve our union and shall be so written as to develop a pride and respect for our institutions and not be a mere recital of events and dates. (b) Assure themselves as to the character of all teachers employed, and their knowledge and acceptance of the American form of government. (c) Take all such other steps as will assure the carrying out of the provisions of this section. (d) Beginning with the school term in 1971, all American history courses approved for grade levels as provided in this section, shall include and adequately stress (i) contributions of all ethnic groups to the development and growth of America into a great nation, (ii) contribution to art, music, education, medicine, literature, science, politics, and government, and (iii) the war services in all wars of this nation.

NEVADA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Home and School		State Board of Education
Grade 2	The Immediate Environment		State Board of Education
Grade 3	The Enlarged Community		State Board of Education
Grade 4	The Earth on Which We Live		State Board of Education
Grade 5	North America		State Board of Education
Grade 6	Europe and Asia		State Board of Education
Grade 7	Latin America, Australia and Pacific Islands, Nevada Geography and History		State Board of Education
Grade 8	American Government Nevada Government World Geography		State Board of Education
Grade 9			
Grade 10			
Grade 11	United States History Nevada History		State Board of Education
Grade 12	United States Government Nevada Government		State Board of Education

Comments

The listing of courses in social studies are required by the State Legislature. The school districts of Nevada formulate their own curriculums so long as they include those courses mandated by law and required by the State Board of Education. The Nevada Department of Education suggests curriculum and curriculum changes.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Most Nevada schools teach state history in grades 6, 7, or 8. No specific grade is set by law or the State Board of Education for this required course in Nevada History.

NEW JERSEY

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

The State of New Jersey offers no prescribed guidelines for a K through 12 social studies sequence. The direction of the social studies curriculum in New Jersey is in the hands of local districts. The State Social Studies Consultant, however, does approve of individual courses that are offered, but does not attempt to dictate a course sequence on the secondary level. State law also requires two years of American History in the secondary school and Civics during the early school years.

New Jersey State Law concerning the teaching of social studies in New Jersey school

18A:35-1. Course in history of the United States in high school. The superintendent of schools in each school district shall prepare and recommend to the board of education of the district, and the board of education shall adopt a suitable two-year course of study in the history of the United States to be given to each student during the last four years of high school.

18A:35-2. Nature and purpose of United States history course. Such course of study shall include instruction in

(1) The principles and ideals of the American form of representative government as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States and particularly in the Bill of Rights; and

(2) The history of the origin and growth of the social, economic and cultural development of the United States, of American family life and of the high standard of living and other privileges enjoyed by the citizens of the United States; and

(3) Such other events in the history of the United States as will tend to instill, into every girl and boy, a determination to preserve these principles and ideals as those of citizens of the United States and an appreciation of their solem duty and obligation to exercise the privilege of the ballot, upon their reaching voting age, to the end that said principles and ideals may be so preserved.

18A:35-3. Course in civics, geography and history of New Jersey. Each board of education shall adopt a course of study in community civics, the geography, history and civics of New Jersey, and the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship as they relate to community and national welfare, which course shall be taken by all pupils in the public elementary schools in the grade or grades in which it is given, with the object of producing the highest type of patriotic citizenship.

NEW YORK

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade 5			
Grade 6			
Grade 7	Our Cultural Heritage	2	State Department of Education
Grade 8	United States History	2	State Department of Education
Grade 9	Asian and African Culture Studies	2	State Department of Education
Grade 10	European Culture Studies	2	State Department of Education
Grade 11	American History (American Studies)	2	State Department of Education
Grade 12	Advanced Government	1	
	Advanced Economics	1	
	Consumer Education (electives	1	

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

New York requires that a course in New York history entitled Our Cultural Heritage be taught in the 7th grade.

NORTH CAROLINA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	The Individual and Group Relationships		
Grade 1	Home and School		State Board of Education
Grade 2	Neighborhood and Community		State Board of Education
Grade 3	Communities		State Board of Education
Grade 4	State and Region		State Board of Education
Grade 5	North and South America		State Board of Education
Grade 6	Europe and USSR		State Board of Education
Grade 7	North Carolina History (present) Africa, Asia, and Pacific Islands (beginning 1971-72)		State Board of Education
Grade 8	United States History (present) United States and North Carolina Heritage (beginning 1972-73)		State Board of Education
Grade 9	Civics (present) (elective) Introductory Government (present) (elective) Introductory Geography (present) (elective) United States and North Carolina Heritage (beginning 1972-73)	2 1 1 2	State Board of Education
Grade 10	World History (present) (elective) World Geography (present) (elective) World Cultures or World Studies (beginning 1972-73) (elective)	2 2	

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Grade 11	United States History (present)	2	State Board of Education
	World Cultures or World Studies (beginning 1972-73) (elective)		
Grade 12	Economics (elective)	1	
	Problems of Democracy (elective)	2	
	Sociology (elective)	1	
	Advanced Government (elective)	2	
	United States in the World Today (beginning 1972-73)		State Board of Education

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

At present the required course in North Carolina History is taught in the 7th grade. Beginning in the school year 1972-73, North Carolina History and United States History will be taught jointly in the 8th and 9th grades.

NORTH DAKOTA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Our School - Home and Family Immediate Neighborhood	2	
Grade 2	Current Social Studies	2	
Grade 3	Citizenship - Character Building	2	
Grade 4	Geography - World Overview History - North Dakota and U. S.	2	
Grade 5	Western Hemisphere History and Geography	2	
Grade 6	Ancient World and Civilization History and Geography	2	
Grade 7	Western Hemisphere - Geography	2	
Grade 8	North Dakota History American History	1 2	
Grade 9	Civics, or World Geography, or Orientation	1 2 1	
Grade 10	World History	2	
Grade 11	United States History	2	
Grade 12	Problems of Democracy or American Government or Economics Anthropology Consumer Education Psychology Sociology	2 1	

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

The history of North Dakota is taught at the 8th grade level for a period of 18 weeks. The history, geography, government, and economics of North Dakota is covered. It is a state law that instruction on the United States and state constitutions must be insured to each student from the 7th through the 12th grade. At least a forty-five minute period a week or the equivalent must be offered on the North Dakota constitution for a period of three of the six years.

OHIO

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade 5			
Grade 6			
Grade 7	Ohio History, Geography and Civics	1	State Legislature
Grade 8	United States History	2	State Legislature
Grade 9			
Grade 10			
Grade 11	American History and Government	2	State Legislature
Grade 12			

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Ohio History, Geography and Civics is required in the 7th grade.

OKLAHOMA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Home, School and Community	2	
Grade 1	Home, School and Community	2	
Grade 2	Home, School and Community	2	
Grade 3	Home, School and Community	2	
Grade 4	State and Nation	2	
Grade 5	Western Lands and People	2	
Grade 6	Eastern Lands and People	2	
Grade 7	World Geography	2	
Grade 8	Civics (government)	2	
Grade 9	Oklahoma History	1	State Department of Education
	United States History	1	
Grade 10	United States History Since 1865	2	State Department of Education
Grade 11	World History or World Geography	2	
Grade 12	American Government and Economics	2	

Comments

Most courses are generally two semesters. Courses are suggested by scope and sequence, but are generally left up to the local districts. The only courses required by the State Department of Education are Oklahoma History and United States History.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

A one semester course in Oklahoma History is required in the 9th grade.

OREGON

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Living in Homes and Schools		
Grade 1	Living in Homes and Schools		Board of Education
Grade 2	Living in Neighborhoods		Board of Education
Grade 3	Living in a Wider Community		Board of Education
Grade 4	Living in the Pacific Northwest		Board of Education
Grade 5	Living in the United States and Canada		Board of Education
Grade 6	Living in Latin America		Board of Education
Grade 7	Living in the Eastern Hemisphere		Board of Education
Grade 8	United States History		Board of Education
Grade 9	The World Today or World Cultures		Board of Education
Grade 10	World Cultures or World History		Board of Education
Grade 11 Grade 12	Electives: United States History and Government Modern Problems International Relations Economics Political Science Sociology Psychology		Board of Education

REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

State history is not required.

RHODE ISLAND

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

The State of Rhode Island does not require that courses in social studies be taught with the exception of American History and Rhode Island History and Government which can be offered at Grades 10, 11, or 12.

SOUTH CAROLINA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1	Living Together Home and School		State Board of Education
Grade 2	Living Together Neighborhood and Community		State Board of Education
Grade 3	Expanding Community Life South Carolina History Reader		State Board of Education
Grade 4	Typical Regions of the World		State Board of Education
Grade 5	The United States, Present and Past		State Board of Education
Grade 6	The Other Countries of the Americas Canada, Latin America		State Board of Education
Grade 7	Old World and Countries Which Have Influenced the United States Most		State Board of Education
Grade 8	United States History and South Carolina History		State Board of Education
Grade 9	Introduction to Political Science	1 or 2	Elective
Grade 10	Modern World History World Geography	2 1 or 2	Elective Elective
Grade 11	United States History and Constitution	2	State Board of Education
Grade 12	Electives		

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

The History of South Carolina is required in the 8th grade and is taught with the course in United States History.

SOUTH DAKOTA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Home and Family		
Grade 1	Families In the Community		
Grade 2	Families Around the World		
Grade 3	Argentina		
Grade 4	Agriculture in Australia		
Grade 5	Revolution and Conflict		
Grade 6	The Gift of the Nile		
Grade 7	The Family		
Grade 8	Pockets of Poverty		
Grade 9	Elections		
Grade 10			
Grade 11	The Agricultural Revolution		
Grade 12			

Comments

The State of South Dakota does not require that courses in social studies be taught. The courses listed above are only suggestions.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

South Dakota does not require a course in state history.

TENNESSEE

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

According to the State Department of Education in Tennessee, social studies instruction should emphasize the following:

Grades 1 - 3: The social studies program shall be developed with emphasis on home, school, and neighborhood and community living in the United States and the modern world.

Grades 4 - 8: The following areas of emphasis shall be planned in the grade sequence best suited to local needs.

a. Local history, geography, government, economics, and social institutions.

b. Tennessee history, Tennessee Constitution, geography, government, economics, and social institutions.

c. United States history, geography, government, economics, and social institutions

d. History, geography, government, economics, and social institutions of other countries.

Grades 9 - 12: The social studies program shall include one unit in American History, including Tennessee Constitution and United States Constitution, offered in grade 11 or 12, and shall be required of every pupil. (Public School Laws of Tennessee, 1961)

TEXAS

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Grades 1 - 6 - The Texas Education Agency is seeking an adoption of a total social studies program. The title of this program for a sequential book adoption is Man and His World. The exact content would be spelled out by the part program adopted by the Independent School Districts.

Grade 7 — Texas History and Geography are required in the 7th grade for a minimum of 130 clock hours.

Grade 8 — American History and Citizenship is required of all students for one year in this grade. Content deals with discovery through reconstruction.

Grade 9 — Grade 9 can be the second part of American History reconstruction through today and one of the other social studies required courses such as World History Studies and World Geography Studies or the required 1/2 unit of Government. These courses are required by the State Board of Education

UTAH

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Social Processes in the Life of a Child		
Grade 1	Social Processes of the Family and School		
Grade 2	Social Functions of the Neighborhood		
Grade 3	Community Processes		
Grade 4	The Earth As a Functioning Organism		
Grade 5	The American Civilization		
Grade 6	Man In His Physical and Cultural Environment		
Grade 7	The Individual In a Changing World		
Grade 8	The Individual and His National and World Culture		
Grade 9	The Individual and His National and World Culture		
Grade 10	Institutions, Problems, and Issues		
Grade 11	Institutions, Problems, and Issues		
Grade 12	Focus on Areas of Interest		

Comments

Courses are required by the State Course of Study Committee.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Utah History is required in the 7th grade.

VIRGINIA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Home and School	2	State Board of Education
Grade 1	Living At Home and At School	2	State Board of Education
Grade 2	Living In the Neighborhood and the Larger Community	2	State Board of Education
Grade 3	Living In the Home Community and Other Communities	2	State Board of Education
Grade 4	Virginia History and Geography	2	State Board of Education
Grade 5	Geography and History of the Western Hemisphere	2	State Board of Education
Grade 6	Geography and History of the Eastern Hemisphere	2	State Board of Education
Grade 7	Virginia History, Government, and Geography	2	State Board of Education
Grade 8	United States History, Civics, Geography (usually taught)	2	
Grade 9	* World History and/or World Geography	2	State Board of Education
Grade 10	* World History and/or World Geography	2	State Board of Education
Grade 11	* Virginia and United States History	2	State Board of Education
Grade 12	* Virginia and United States Government	2	State Board of Education

* Required courses for grades 9 - 12 - STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITING SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN VIRGINIA, 1970.

E ective Courses In Grades 8 - 12 *

Civics
Geographic Fundamentals
United States History and Geography
Economic Geography
Humanities - Broad Approach
American Studies/Civilization
Advanced Placement American History
Ancient History
English History
Advanced Placement European History
World Cultures
Negro History
History of Russua
World Civilization
East Asian Civilization
Russian History and the Far East
Latin American Civilization
Modern History
20th Century History
European History
Ancient and Medieval History
Contemporary History
History of the Far East
Modern European History
Current Affairs
Social Problems
Comparative Government
Sociology
An Introduction to Sociology
Economics
International Relations
Consumer Economics - Personal Finance
Psychology

* Approved for certain school divisions in Virginia by the State Board of Education upon request.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Grade 4 - Virginia History and Geography

Grade 7 - Virginia History, Government, and Geography

Grade 11 - Virginia and United States History

Grade 12 - Virginia and United States Government

VERMONT

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade 5	Biography, Culture, Geography of Vermont		State Board of Education
Grade 6	Government of Vermont		State Board of Education
Grade 7			
Grade 8			
Grade 9	History of Civilization, Civics, World Geography, Consumer Economics, American		Electives
Grade 10	Government, World History, Modern Eurasian History		Electives
Grade 11	United States History		State Board of Education
Grade 12	Senior Seminar, Goals for America Psychology, Sociology, Economics		Electives

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

State history and government are required in grades 5 and 6.

WASHINGTON

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten			
Grade 1			
Grade 2			
Grade 3			
Grade 4			
Grade			
Grade 6			
Grade 7	Washington State History must be taught between grades 7 and 12 usually at grade 9		State Board of Education
Grade 8			
Grade 9			
Grade 10			
Grade 11	United States History and Government must be taught between grades 9 and 12 usually at grade 11		State Board of Education
Grade 12	Contemporary Problems must be taught between grades 9 and 12 usually at grade 12		State Board of Education

WEST VIRGINIA

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Home - School		State Board of Education
Grade 1	Home - School		State Board of Education
Grade 2	Neighborhood		State Board of Education
Grade 3	Community		State Board of Education
Grade 4	Regions		State Board of Education
Grade 5	Nations		State Board of Education
Grade 6	World Hemisphere		State Board of Education
Grade 7	World Regions and Patterns		State Board of Education
Grade 8	West Virginia Studies		State Board of Education
Grade 9	American Studies I		State Board of Education
Grade 10	American Studies II		State Board of Education
Grade 11	World Cultures I		State Board of Education
Grade 12	World Cultures II		Elective

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

West Virginia Studies is required in the 8th grade.

WISCONSIN

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

GRADE LEVEL	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OFFERING	SEMESTER(S) (IF APPLICABLE)	REQUIRING AGENCY
Kindergarten	Home and School		
Grade 1	Home, School and Neighborhood		
Grade 2	Community Live		
Grade 3	Community Life in Other Lands		
Grade 4	Wisconsin		
Grade 5	United States		
Grade 6	Introduction to Anthropology (Selected Cultures: Primitive, Agrarian, Handicraft, Industrial)		
Grade 7	Introduction to Political Science (Orientation, School Government, Local, County, State and Federal Government)		
Grade 8	World History, Geography and Area Studies (Emphasis on Western Civilization)		
Grad 9	World History, Geography and Area Studies (Emphasis on Area Studies of Latin America and Non-Western Cultures)		
Grade 10	United States History to 1896		
Grade 11	United States from 1896		
Grade 12	Advanced courses in History, Problems and the Social Sciences		

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

The state does not require a course in state history but all schools do teach at least one year of Wisconsin History usually at the fourth grade level. In some schools it is taught at the fifth grade level. Also, state history is incorporated into the two-year American History sequence at grades 10 and 11.

WYOMING

COURSE OFFERINGS IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 12

Level 1 (Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2)

Introduction to group living, home, neighborhood and community, nation and world. Both formal and informal activities should be provided to give the student needed social skills and understandings of his rights and responsibilities. Every opportunity should be made to capitalize on and expand upon the young student's awareness of the world, although formal would studies would not be appropriate. Introductory study to the institutions in the United States, churches, schools, and government, should be included.

Level 2 (Grades 3 and 4)

Beginning of formal study of selected communities of the world (past and present). Topics should be selected to give the students understanding of varying ways of life. Regions of the United States with special emphasis on Wyoming.

Level 3 (Grades 5 and 6)

Introduction to United States history. Depth study of the Western Hemisphere (Canada and Latin America) with continuing emphasis on student understanding of varying ways of life.

Level 4 (Grades 7, 8, and 9)

Depth study of selected areas of the Eastern Hemisphere (Africa, Middle East, Asia, Australia, and Pacific Ocean).
Government Studies (Civics) - local, state, national, international.
Study of careers might be incorporated in schools having no other provision for career orientation.
Old world backgrounds to the American Revolutionary period.

Level 5 (Grades 10, 11, and 12)

American History Survey
World Cultures
Electives

Comments

State Board of Education minimum requirement for graduation reads ". . . two units of Social Studies one of which must be American History, and the second from the fields of economics, government, world history, geography, sociology, American heritage, and psychology."

COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN STATE HISTORY

Wyoming does not require that a course in Wyoming History be taught but that it should be incorporated in other social studies courses.

INFORMATION WAS NOT SUPPLIED BY THE FOLLOWING STATES

Colorado
Florida
Georgia
Iowa
Kansas
Missouri
New Hampshire
New Mexico
Pennsylvania